

RESOLUTION 95-04

**RESOLUTION TO ENCOURAGE AFFORDABLE HOUSING
IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA**

WHEREAS, there is a shortage of affordable housing in Bloomington, particularly in the downtown area; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bloomington and the Common Council are on record as supporting the development of more affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, development of affordable housing often requires all parties to the planning and zoning process - petitioner, neighbors, community and government - to make sacrifices towards and encourage initiatives that promote the greater common good; and

WHEREAS, a recently proposed innovative approach to address the lack of affordable housing in the downtown area was withdrawn from the planning and zoning process by the petitioner; and

WHEREAS, the neighbors to said development generally supported the development but wanted to more fully discuss certain aspects of the project; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bloomington and the Common Council should, among other responsibilities, act as moderators and facilitate a reasonable and mutually agreeable solution; and

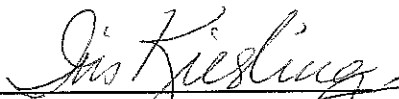
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, MONROE COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT:

1. The Common Council calls upon all parties to the recently withdrawn affordable housing development downtown to sit down with representatives of the Council acting as facilitator and resolve as many differences as is reasonably possible.

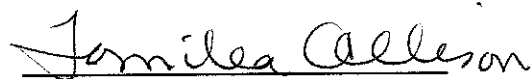
2. The Common Council calls upon the petitioner to resubmit the affordable housing development plan and the neighborhood representatives to discuss with the petitioner only those matters within the petitioner's control, and further calls upon the City administration to support efforts to see that this affordable housing development proceeds in a timely and judicious manner.

3. The Common Council calls upon the Board of Zoning Appeals to hear and vote on the innovative affordable housing development proposed for the downtown area as soon as legally and practically permissible.

PASSED and ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 1st day of February, 1995.


IRIS KIESLING, President
Bloomington Common Council

SIGNED and APPROVED by me upon this 3rd day of February, 1995.


TOMILEA ALLISON, Mayor
City of Bloomington

ATTEST:

Patricia Williams
PATRICIA WILLIAMS, Clerk
City of Bloomington

SYNOPSIS

This resolution, sponsored by Michael Bonnell, supports affordable housing in the downtown area and encourages that work continue on the Madison and Fourth Street project in particular.

RESOLUTION 95-05


**SUPPORTING INITIATIVES THAT PROMOTE TECHNICAL WORKFORCE
TRAINING**

- WHEREAS, the Bloomington Common Council is on record as supporting economic development initiatives that attract new and retain existing businesses in our community; and
- WHEREAS, while economic development efforts have traditionally emphasized establishing pre-zoned industrial land, a well trained workforce has proven to be another key ingredient in attracting new and retaining existing jobs, particularly high-skill, high-pay jobs; and
- WHEREAS, studies indicate "that many Indiana (and Bloomington) adults do not possess the level of proficiency required to perform in technologically advanced occupations,"; and
- WHEREAS, while our community is fortunate to have several institutions involved in training, there needs to be a comprehensive action plan that addresses the training needs of business and industry; and
- WHEREAS, there are grant and other funding opportunities available that are designed to assist communities in meeting technical training needs and that require matching local funds or in-kind services; and
- WHEREAS, the Council has always sought opportunities where limited city funds could be leveraged to obtain other sources of funding;

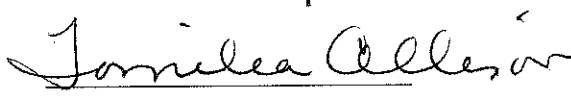
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, MONROE COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT:

1. The Bloomington Common Council reaffirms its support for economic development by calling upon those involved in this effort to make workforce technical training an integral component in their respective endeavors.
2. The Council invites those involved in workforce training to develop action plans and initiatives that provide workforce technical training, which could be considered by the Council, along with other proposals, for inclusion in the 1996 City Budget.

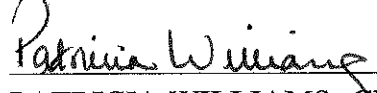
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 15 day of February, 1995.


IRIS KIESLING, President
Bloomington Common Council

SIGNED AND APPROVED by me upon this 16th day of February, 1995.


TOMILEA ALLISON, Mayor
City of Bloomington

ATTEST:


PATRICIA WILLIAMS, Clerk
City of Bloomington

SYNOPSIS

This resolution, sponsored by Councilmember Bonnell, supports initiatives that promote the technical proficiency of the local workforce.

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